(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the role being played by the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) In Gujarat, all the eligible 12,393 primary schools including those in tribal areas have been covered by the Operation Blackboard. 1697 upper primary schools in tribal areas of the State have also been covered under the scheme.

Under Non-Formal Education (NFE)Progamme, 200 NFE Centres are being run by the State Government in the districts of Ahmedabad, Surat and Rajkot. 1280 centres are being run by 14 valuntary agencies in 7 districts of Gujarat.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes in Gujarat has increased from 21.14% in 1981 to 36.45% in 1991. The State Government is responsible for implementing adult literacy programmes with the assistance of the central government.

Newsitem on Exploitation of Girl Students in Universities

2200. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a newsitem published in the "Nav Bharat Times" dated the 20th December, 1996 captioned, "Vishwa Vidyalaya Ki 90 Feesadi Chhatrayen Youn Shoshan Ki Shikar";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter to punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Introduction of Mumbai-Uttar Pradesh/ Bihar Bound Superfast Trains

2201. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the action being taken to introduce two U.P./Bihar bound superfast trains from Mumbai and the time by which the trains are likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): At present, there is no proposal to introduce any superfast train between Mumbai and U.P./Bihar.

However, for the convenience of Bihar bound passengers, it has been decided to extend 5017/5018 Kurla-Muzaffarpur Express to Darbhanga on one more day during 1997-98.

Racket in reservation in Punjab

2202. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a racket has been going on in the matter of reservation in trains particularly in Punjab where the train conductors extract Rs. 10 from every passenger and orally allot them seats without issuing any receipt thereof;

(b) the number of times sudden raids were conducted to curb this racket in Punjab during the last six months; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no racket in the matter of reservation in trains but a few instances of malpractices in allotment of reservation by train conductors have come to notice.

(b) During the last six months, 160 preventive checks were conducted for detecting various kinds of irregularities.

(c) Does not arise.

Laying of railway track between Manipur-Guwahati

2203. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any railway track connecting Manipur and Guwahati;

(b) if not, whether Government have any proposal to lay a railway track connecting Manipur; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The work of construction of a railway from Diphu to Karong as the first phase of the rail link to Imphal has been included in the budget 1997-98. The work would be taken up once the necessary clearances have been obtained.

Restarting of Chhota Udepur-Pratapnagar Rail Line

2204. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Manister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when the Chhota Udepur-Pratapnagar rail line (narrow gauge) will restart which is closed for the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): The work of restoration of Bodeli-Chhota Udepur Section is proposed to be taken up during the financial year 1997-98.

Rail coaches from BEML

*2205. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board had withdrawn its orders for rail coaches from Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML), which has an installed capacity to roll out 700 rail coaches annually;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the rail coaches orders given to BEML during the last five years, year-wise alongwith the details of orders actually executed during this period; and

(d) the details of coaches being manufactured annually from different coach factories, factory-wise, during the last three years, year wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of railcoaches for which orders were given to BEML and those actually manufactured by them during the last five years are given below:

Year	Order	Actually manufactured
91-92	350*	375
92-93	375@	400
93-94	375@	375
94-95	9#	9
95-96	368	139

* Order quantity after adjustment of 50 coaches produced in excess in 90-91.

@ Order quantities after adjustment of 25 coaches produced in excess in the previous years.

\# Order quantity is small as 150 coaches programmed for 94-95 was preponed to 93-94.